

CONSTITUTION
AS ADOPTED

By the East Coast Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association

REDUCTION OF EXPENSE

The Matters of Marketing and Distributing Not Embraced in this Association—League With State Organization

To the Fruit and Vegetable Growers: The accompanying constitution of the East Coast Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association will give you the plan and scope of the Association. Its efforts are confined to lines on which all can agree—a reduction of expense. The matters of marketing and distributing are not embraced; nor is it contemplated to include any subject on which there can be two opinions as to method of attaining the end desired.

The intelligent grower who has been in the business long enough to form an opinion now realizes that both cost of production and marketing must be materially reduced or he must go to the wall.

The agricultural no more than the commercial business can stand discriminating rates. Discrimination is another form of rebate and is as disastrous, if not as criminal, to the section imposed upon. These inequalities do not adjust themselves, nor can one individual or one community correct them; nor can they be righted at once nor in one or two years.

Everyone interested should aid with the full determination to expend time, perseverance and money in the effort. If the fruit and vegetable growers' condition is unsatisfactory and his periodical and short lived efforts at betterment have made him an object of ridicule and derision, he has only himself to thank. He is trying to do business without adopting the methods of the age and times and recognized as essential to success by laborer as well as capitalist. The individual grower is a nonentity and powerless; united he would prove an irresistible force and would get what he went after. Separately he is poverty, combined capital.

This organization, to be effective should develop a strength of not less than one thousand members within the next three months. No citizen in the territory concerned can justly or honestly stand aside and permit his neighbor to contribute towards an undertaking from which he himself reaps an equal benefit. Something cannot be accomplished with nothing. The prestige and moral force incident to numbers while effective and necessary must be reinforced by the sinews of war—ample funds to conduct the campaign to a successful termination.

The Florida Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' Protective Association, with which this association proposes to affiliate, has been operating for two years. Through its regularly employed attorney it has secured two or three hearings before the Interstate Commerce Commission. This organization has accomplished something; had it had even the moral support of the people it is proposing to help it would have accomplished more. Of the several thousand dollars which it has expended, the larger part of it has come from the growers and shippers of the interior and west coast. Of the fruit and vegetable interests of St. Lucie, Palm Beach and Dade counties, representing five or six million dollars, there are two or three dozen members who have contributed towards an effort to protect this large investment.

Officers—Cullen Pence, President, Boynton; J. M. Holding, Vice-President, Denia; T. V. Moore, Secretary, Miami; Dr. Jas. H. Montgomery, Treasurer, Buena Vista.

Directors—W. A. Filer, Lemon City; P. C. Eldred, Eldred; R. L. Goodwin, Fort Pierce; John M. Bryan, Jr., Denia; W. J. Dyer, West Palm Beach; J. H. Hopkins, Deerfield; M. S. Burbank, Miami; J. T. Waters, Walton; J. S. Sunday, Delray.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EAST COAST FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

1 The name of this Association shall be the East Coast Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association.

2 All growers of fruit and vegetables in the counties of Dade, Palm Beach and St. Lucie, shall be eligible to membership in the organization. All others interested or desiring shall be eligible to honorary membership, without power to vote, on payment of dues.

3 It is the purpose of the Association to secure equitable rates of transportation to all markets on fruits and vegetables and on material and supplies pertaining thereto; to secure a fair and just scale of wages, price of material and supplies; to promote a speedy adjustment of claims incident to transportation, and to other wise protect and advocate the interests of the fruit and vegetable growers and shippers.

4 The officers shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and nine directors; each of the counties of Dade, Palm Beach and St. Lucie, to have at least three directors, said officers and directors to be

elected at the annual meetings. Provided that in case the members residing in any county shall so desire, they may nominate three directors for each county, which nomination shall be binding on the Association in its regular meeting.

5 The president shall preside at all meetings and have a general oversight of the business of the organization and shall be chairman of the Board of Directors. In his absence or disability, the vice-president shall perform all duties of the president.

The duties of the secretary and treasurer shall be to keep an accurate record of all general and board of directors' meetings, receive and disburse all moneys and perform other duties that pertain to these offices. Provided, that no accounts or disbursements shall be made except with the approval of the Board of Directors.

6 The Board of Directors shall have full power to deal in its discretion with all questions pertaining to the welfare and purposes of the Association, to adopt such by-laws as are deemed necessary, subject to approval at general meeting, to appoint such agents and employees as may be necessary and proper for the collection of claims and the conduct of the business of the organization and shall report to succeed—(continued on page 8)

SILVER SERVICE FOR
BATTLESHIP FLORIDA

The Fort Pierce Board of Trade will be called upon for a contribution to the silver services for the battleship Florida. The Jacksonville Board of Trade is sending letters soliciting contributions.

This ship is the largest ever contracted for the navy, and it will be remembered that through the efforts of the late United States Senator W. J. Bryan the vessel was named in honor of this State. The letter of the board of trade, which has been sent to all cities and commercial organizations of the State reads as follows:

"At the last session of the Legislature, the bill introduced to appropriate \$5,000 toward the purchase of a silver service for the battleship Florida failed of passage, and it now behooves us to get to work and collect same by public subscription.

"This Board of Trade having taken the initiative in this matter, now proposes that we collect from \$7,000 to \$10,000 by general subscription from all over the State. We think it is a great compliment that the largest battleship in the American navy is named after our State, and it should be fittingly recognized by having a handsome silver service, on which could be traced the beautiful history of Florida from its early discovery and settlement.

"When the amount is collected it is proposed to have the Governor appoint a representative committee to look after the details, as well as to present the service, in the spring of 1911.

"We respectfully urge upon you the great importance of this matter, and ask for your hearty co-operation by starting subscription lists in your community, at once. Make remittance to the Jacksonville Board of Trade, which will act as custodian of the funds and make acknowledgment through the press; and if a sufficient amount cannot be collected, then amounts in hand will be returned to subscribers; but we must not, at the start, acknowledge such a word as failure."

ROMANTIC WEDDING
CELEBRATED SUNDAY

Quite a novel and romantic wedding occurred last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock aboard the houseboat Hermit Crab, the contracting parties being Miss Agnes Stacey, of Leominster, Mass., and Dr. W. E. Youngs, pre-scription pharmacist at the St. Lucie Drug Company's store. County Judge Fred L. Hemmings, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Youngs had invited a party of nineteen young people to join Miss Stacey and himself on a river ride in the commodious houseboat, and while out on the river called Judge and Mrs. Hemmings, Mrs. King and Perry Saunders into the cabin, where the ceremony was performed, the party returning to the deck, where announcement was made.

Those in the party were: Mesdames Hemmings and King; Misses Ruth and Nan Alderman, Anita Canova, June Summerlin and Rose King; Messrs. F. L. Hemmings, B. B. Pyles, W. E. Tyler, F. G. Hill, H. C. Conkling, R. Lander, F. G. Fritz, George King, R. Gladwin, Louis Fritz and Perry and Lee and Roy Faber and Perry and Howland Saunders. After the ceremony the sail on the river was continued awhile, when a return was made to the Tyler dock, and soon the announcement of the wedding was broadcast over the town.

The bride is almost a stranger in Fort Pierce, having resided here only a short time, but those who enjoy her acquaintance speak of her as the highest terms. The groom, Mr. Youngs, is well and favorably known along the Indian River and at Miami and has many friends, all of whom join in extending congratulations to him and his bride for a long life of happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Youngs will make their home in Fort Pierce, occupying the residence of B. B. Pyles for the present.

FRUIT CULTURE
IN PORTO RICO

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FORT PIERCE'S FUTURE

Predicts a Population of 10,000 on Account of Back Country—More Trouble in Porto Rico Than Floridians Meet

Fort Orange, Fla., July 31, 1909. Editor TRIBUNE.

I shall leave here next Thursday, the 5th of August, so please change my subscription from Fort Orange, Florida, to Box 294, San Juan, Porto Rico.

I shall take my wife and baby boy with me, and we shall spend a few days visiting in Baltimore, Washington and New York city and a week on Cape Cod at the old Howes home, and then we sail on the steamer Coamo on the 21st of August from New York city for San Juan.

I shall be glad to write THE TRIBUNE after I get over there and feel sufficiently well acquainted with conditions to form an opinion, of how that country is going to effect Florida growers, and I am going to take particular pains to tell them the disappointments which they have over there, because the average grower in Florida gets the idea that he is the only man on the map that has troubles.

I expect to gain largely from the experience I shall have there, and as my own interests lie here on the East Coast and from end to end of it, and my heart and soul are wrapped up in its prosperity, I want to see it grow and all the problems that seem so vexatious now to be settled by time and changed conditions.

We are always inclined to think that the "berries in the other fellows patch are just a little redder and larger than ours," and I am a great believer in getting down to first principles and solving the difficulties that confront one without blaming the Fertilizer Companies and "cussing out" the railroad for every little trial that comes to us in the growing and marketing of our crops.

They have three competing steamship lines in Porto Rico with a 25 cent per crate rate to New York and I will venture that they can tell you in two languages over there more troubles than the average Florida growers have ever met up with.

Human nature is the same the world over, and the man who will tell you that he can grow apples in New York or wheat in Minnesota, or prunes in Oregon with less difficulty and greater financial returns than he can grow pines in St. Lucie county is just dwelling on the past crop here; knows nothing about the failures others have in other lines, and has forgotten that he made any money last year, and does not believe in the future.

The only thing that St. Lucie County needs right now is good roads and not just a good road from the Sebastian river to the St. Lucie, but a good hard surfaced road back to the westward and open up all that fine country which alone is going to make Fort Pierce a town of 10,000 people, with or without the railroad shops. There is nothing to equal the solidity of a town that has good country behind it, and if every pineapple grower had a "garden patch," pineapple grower would look upon the west of town he would look upon the pines as his wife's pin money. Railroad shops come and go, so does shipping and manufacturing, but good land that will produce a variety of crops will keep on forever and grow better as time passes. With kind regards from self and wife, Yours very truly, CORNELIUS CHRISTIANCY.

COMMISSIONERS MEET
IN REGULAR SESSION

County commissioners met in regular session August 2nd, 1909. Present P. Kroegel, chairman, C. H. Edwards, A. N. Hoofnagle, D. E. Austin and R. E. McLaughlin, with J. E. Fultz, clerk, and Perry Carlton, deputy sheriff.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Petition of P. P. Cobb, Otis R. Parker, et al, for a public road from Fort Pierce to Fort Drum, received and filed.

Report of collector showing licenses collected for the month of July, 1909, as follows: State \$5.50, county \$4.25, and polls \$2; received.

Report of county judge received and filed.

Board adjourned to 7:30 o'clock Tuesday, and convened at said hour, all present.

On motion the sheriff or his deputy is authorized to work all county convicts on the roads in road district No. 2, for the month of August.

On motion the treasurer is instructed to divide the special road tax collected from the railroad telegraph companies, as per Conkling's report.

On motion a warrant is ordered drawn in favor of the sheriff for \$3.00 to be paid Will Davis on the day his

sentence expires, August 17th, 1909, in accordance with chapter 5963 of the laws of Florida.

Treasurer's report received, showing balances on hand August 1st, 1909, as follows: Total of all \$12,459.49; general fund \$2,434.48; fine and forfeiture fund \$430.39; county school fund \$24.23; special school state aid \$277.15; road and bridge \$2,196.41; building fund \$152.35; special road \$6,944.48; special road district No. 1—\$766.98; special road district No. 2—\$579.91; special road district No. 3—\$522.49; special road district No. 4—\$1,997.29; special road district No. 5—\$677.80; special road undivided \$2,400.00; also certificate of cashier of Bank of Fort Pierce, showing balances correct as claimed.

Road committee report of T. B. Hilliard, J. M. Swain and J. E. Andrews, recommending a public county road as follows: Beginning at the city limits on Orange avenue on the quarter section line in section 9, township 35 south, range 40 east, run on said quarter section line 140 chains west to the west boundary of section 8, township 35 south, range 40 east; received, and if no legal protest is filed, will be declared a public road at the next regular meeting of this Board.

On motion the offer of the Improvement Club to rent the lower story of the (continued on page 8)

EXCHANGE BENEFITS
ALREADY APPARENT

Five million boxes of citrus fruit, selling price to average at least \$1 per box, and the groves looking better today than at any time for the past five years is a prospect and a reality which were responsible for the joy of the thousand orange growers who left our city after the organization of the Florida Citrus Exchange which came to a successful issue after two enthusiastic meetings.

A Times representative spent some time interviewing several growers from all sections of the State and a composite reduction of their expressions is found in the above statements.

"The crop this year," said a conservative grower, "will run over five million boxes. The buyers will claim seven million boxes in an endeavor to beat down prices. Some authority places the crop at six million boxes, but five million is a safe and sane deduction. This figure will be the basis on which prices will be made."

"As to prices," he continued, "I am certain that with the marketing of our product by the Citrus Exchange that we will do as good \$1 as per box if not better. I would not be surprised to see an average of \$1.20 per box. I understand that the buyers in DeSoto county who offered 50 cents per box some weeks ago, money payable on delivery are now offering seventy-five cents per box cash in advance."

This is the highest price ever offered this season of the year by the buyers and the cash proviso would certainly have looked good to us last season. If the Citrus Exchange before its organization could raise prices twenty-five cents per box you can depend upon it that \$1 a box oranges are in sight. Just think on a five million box basis this twenty-five cent raise means to the growers of Florida \$1,250,000. In plain language, the Citrus Exchange made for the growers of Florida a million and a quarter before its charter was received."—Tampa Times.

ORGANIZER REID HERE
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1ST

That State Organizer Reid will remain in Florida until September 1 to extend the gospel of co-operation of the growers of citrus fruit is the good news coming from the meeting of the directors of the Florida Citrus Exchange held in Tampa last Friday.

Since Mr. Reid began his labors in Florida and it was seen the good he accomplished in making it plain to the growers the importance of consolidation, the directors have brought all manner of influence to bear upon the California Fruit Exchange to grant an extension of time to them of Mr. Reid's services. That the extension has been granted and that the able organizer will have another month in the State means much to the success of the organization. It will allow him to cover every point where citrus fruit is grown and it cannot then be said that the exchange is a sectional enterprise.

The directors met at Col. Thos. Palmer's office, with First Vice-President W. B. Gray in the chair and Messrs. Fielder, Varn, Sample, Fulton, Heathcote and Peacock of the directorate, and Manager Gillette and Sales Agent Burton present.

Mr. Burton, before leaving for Wauchoula and Arcadia Saturday said that the directors reported satisfactory progress in organization in their various localities, and it was very possible for as many as 3,000,000 boxes to be signed up for the first season's business of the exchange.

If an effort is made direct to the officers of the exchange, it will be possible to secure Mr. Reid in Fort Pierce sometime this month.

Mrs. L. L. Carlton was a visitor in Cocco Monday and Tuesday.

UNDEVELOPED
OPPORTUNITY

Fortunes Awaiting to be Picked in Every Section of This State

PAPER MANUFACTURE

Plenty of Raw Materials in Fruits and Vegetables and Sea Products to Successfully Operate Canning Factory

With the tremendous activity in Florida and the centering of all interests in the business of growing pineapples, citrus fruits and vegetables other fields of labor opportunities for making money are being sadly neglected, and there are opportunities here for the making of modest fortunes awaiting for somebody to pick them up.

This article does not attempt to take up all of these opportunities, but to mention one of the principal ones that is being overlooked, except in a few isolated cases.

What we refer to is the preserving, canning and putting up of what may be called waste products. Each year there goes to waste in the counties of Brevard, St. Lucie, Palm Beach and Dade, on the East Coast of Florida, hundreds of tons of pineapples that are too ripe to ship to the northern markets, hundreds of tons of tomatoes that are thrown out of the packing houses because of over ripeness, and defects that bar them from the packing crate, but in no way injure the fruit for the canning, and each year tons and tons of guavas that would make the most delicious jelly. There are tons of ground tons and tons of limes from which could be extracted that delicious summer drink, lime juice that is so healthful, and in addition to this there are other waste products and by products that are absolutely wasted, from which good money could be made if they were properly cared for.

In the working up of all these waste products there is a most promising field in Florida. Few people realize the full scope and importance of the pure food laws of the country now in force for, like the working of any other measure passed by congress or by our State Legislature, we have only time to consider those things which immediately concern us in our business. For the man looking for some place in an agreeable climate the East Coast of Florida offers lines of business as above suggested, in which a business man can exercise his talents and invest his capital profitably.

Everything needed to make a business successful is to be found here, and in connection with the abundance of material there is everything necessary for carrying on the business. Sites for factories can be bought cheap, plenty of pure water can be had in abundance, transportation facilities are unsurpassed, for this section of the United States is in direct and close communication with all of the big markets of the country, and labor here is no more expensive than it is in any other manufacturing section. In fact, such labor as would be required for a greater part of the work here is cheaper than it could be secured in any of our manufacturing centers.

The people of the United States are becoming fully awake to the importance of pure foods that are put up for them without deleterious adulterations, therefore the market for pure fruits, canned fruits, preserves, jellies and summer drinks is already established, it only remains for these articles to be produced and suitably advertised to find a ready sale, and these in Florida are such as will bear the closest investigation.

Other than the things above mentioned there is the great industry of paper making. Florida is filed with the raw material for producing a paper of the finest quality, and fibrous plants that could be manufactured to a profit. In some instances it is only a matter of proper machinery, and with the improvements that are being made daily in machinery adapted to the purpose of making paper and articles from fibre is no doubt but that suitable machinery can be produced that will handle the raw material of Florida on an economic and income producing basis.

The resources of this splendid state are just beginning to attract the attention of the country and the attention of men who are far sighted enough to comprehend and take advantage of the resources that are lying idle in this favored state and who get in on the ground floor, taking advantage of the present extremely low price of lands, in those sections of country containing raw material, can establish business here that will make for them valuable fortunes.

William Jennings Bryan is to move to Texas. He said so in the course of an interview. He declared he intended to move to Texas, following a South American tour, on which he will start this fall. "I am not to seek an election to the Senate from Nebraska," he said. "I am not going to be a Nebraskan for I am going to move to Texas, and I expect to continue in politics in Texas."